



# FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT FACTSHEET

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The **Community Rating System** is a program which encourages communities to go beyond the FEMA minimum requirements for development. Participating communities receive discounted flood insurance rates for their citizens. In return, they must meet certain requirements of the activities for which they receive credit.

Several of the activities require annual mailings and/or updates. This, the beginning of the new year, is always a good opportunity to do this.

Communities receiving credit for Activity 320 - Map Information, must notify lenders, insurance agents and real estate agents, or the entire community that FIRM information and elevation certificates are available through your office. Outreach Projects - Activity 330, should be updated and mailed. The CRS manual covers 10 topics which may be addressed. Communities receiving credit in Activities 320, 360 and 540 can use these projects to meet the publicizing requirements.

Now is a good time to update information in the library. Free publications from FEMA and the Corps of Engineers are listed in the CRS manual on pages 350-9 through 350-12.

**A tutorial on designing and operating a municipal floodplain management website is available at no charge from the CRS. It is on a CD for IBM-compatible personal computers. Copies are available by calling (317) 848-2898 or e-mailing [nfipcrs@iso.com](mailto:nfipcrs@iso.com).**



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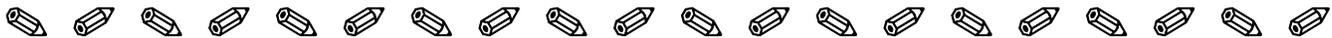
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**NEW FEMA LOGO:**



**FEMA**

FEMA is one of the agencies that have become a part of the new *Department of Homeland Security*. FEMA’s responsibilities for the NFIP, disaster response and recovery, and mitigation are overseen by the *Department of Homeland Security’s Office of the Undersecretary for Emergency Preparedness and Response*. Government programs such as the NFIP exist because there is a need. No matter what its platform—flood insurance has been in HUD and FEMA—the NFIP has responded to the needs of the American public without missing a beat and it will continue to do so as part of the *Department of Homeland Security*. Ed Pasterick, FEMA



**TURN AROUND DON’T DROWN™**

Each year, more deaths occur due to flooding than from any other thunderstorm related hazard. Why?

The main reason is people underestimate the force and power of water.

Many of the deaths occur in automobiles as they are swept downstream. Of these drownings, many are preventable, but too many people continue to drive around the barriers that warn you the road is flooded.



Whether you are driving or walking, if you come to a flooded road, **Turn Around Don't Drown™**. You will not know the depth of the water nor will you know the condition of the road under the water.

DOTD FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT  
is offering the weeklong course

**MANAGING FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT  
through the NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM**

This course is designed to provide an organized training opportunity for local officials responsible for administering their local floodplain management ordinance.

The course will focus on the NFIP and concepts of floodplain management, maps and studies, ordinance administration, and the relationship between floodplain management and flood insurance.

**DATES:** Monday, JUNE 14<sup>th</sup> thru Friday, JUNE 18<sup>th</sup>, 2004

**LOCATION:** Louisiana DOTD Headquarters Bldg.  
1201 Capital Access Rd.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802  
[I-110 NORTH – exit # 1E  
next to the Governor’s Mansion-near the State Capitol]

LIMITED SEATING – Class will be offered on a first come, first serve basis. . .

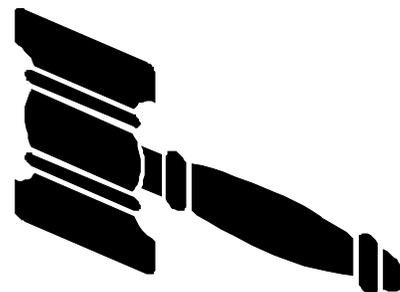
**NOTE:** There will be no reimbursement from FEMA as the class will be held in Louisiana rather than Emmitsburg, Maryland

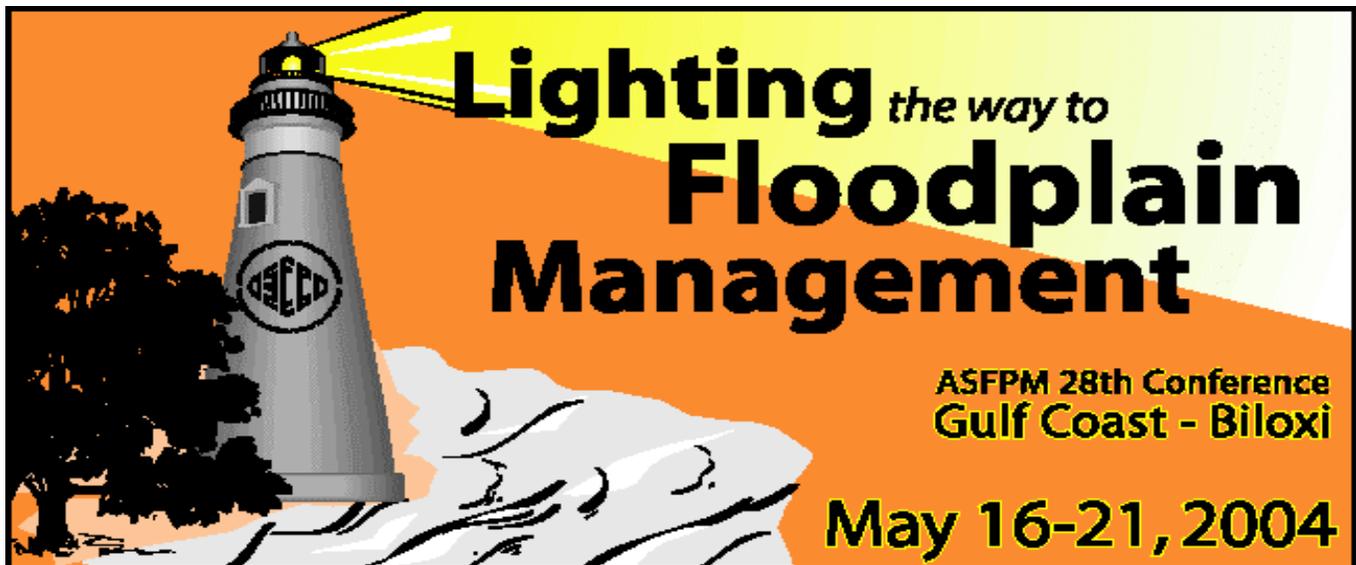


**DO YOU HAVE a NEW MAYOR, TOWN CLERK, or  
FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR?**

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**the 2004 ASFPM Conference  
will be co-hosted by  
the State of Louisiana & the State of Mississippi**

**Held at the Beau Rivage Hotel, Biloxi, Mississippi**

Information is now online for the Association of State Floodplain Managers 28th national conference to be held in Biloxi, Mississippi, May 16-21, 2004. It can be viewed at [www.floods.org](http://www.floods.org).

The conference page also contains Speaker instructions, Sponsorship and Exhibitors Information, and links to exciting things to see and do in the area.

This comprehensive conference will showcase the state-of-the-art in techniques, programs, resources, materials, equipment, accessories and services to accomplish flood mitigation and other community goals. Non-profit, government, business and academic sectors will share how they successfully integrate

engineering, planning, open space and environmental protection all over the nation and the world to prepare for a better, sustainable future. You'll hear fascinating coastal success stories that demonstrate how flood losses have been reduced and how land and water management practices have improved since killer Hurricane Camille 35 years ago.

In fact Biloxi, our host city, just received approval of their Hazard Mitigation Plan per DMA-2000 requirements; they are among the first in the nation and the first in Mississippi to achieve this milestone. There's sure to be a lot we can learn in the area.

## **AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT**

An important part of every ASFPM conference is the presentation of the national Awards for Excellence in Floodplain Management. There is plenty of time for you to *nominate* your outstanding local or state program or person.

The submittal information is at [www.floods.org](http://www.floods.org), under the "Awards" menu, along with the lists of past recipients. Help us celebrate those who make floodplain management a reality around the nation.

**The State of Louisiana & Jefferson Parish**  
are hosting a one day

## **FLOOD FORUM**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2004**

**@ the Eastbank Regional Library  
4747 West Napoleon Ave.  
Metairie, Louisiana**

This workshop is designed for local officials, insurance agents, realtors, surveyors,  
mortgage loan officers, and any interested citizen.

**A REGISTRATION FORM WILL BE SENT  
TO ALL COMMUNITY OFFICIALS.**

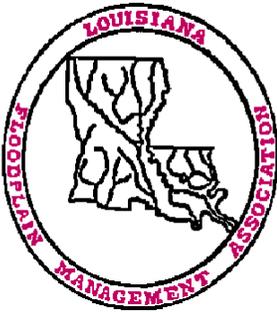


A century ago, the **majority** of the nation's population was based in the

Northeast and North Central regions of the U.S.

**Today**, the majority live in the **South and West**.

---US Census Bureau, 2000



**2004 - ANNUAL LFMA CONFERENCE**  
**March 31<sup>st</sup> thru April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004**

Next year, the day before the Conference [March 30<sup>th</sup>] there will be a review & training of the new “*Permit Official’s Handbook*”.

We can only accommodate a class of 60 permit officials, so if you’re interested please plan on arriving on **Tuesday**, instead of Wednesday for the Conference.

**ALSO:** There is a tentative plan to offer the Certified Floodplain Manager [CFM] exam on Wednesday morning [March 31<sup>st</sup>]. Anyone interested in taking the exam must pre-register with the ASFPM.

You may do so by going to the website: [www.floods.org](http://www.floods.org).  
 (Click on **CERTIFICATION**)

**LOOK FOR MORE  
 CONFERENCE INFORMATION  
 IN THE MARCH NEWSLETTER**

**List of Louisiana CFMs:**

- |                  |              |                     |                   |
|------------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Averitt, Stewart | Baton Rouge  | Emmer, J.           | New Orleans       |
| Becker, Melissa  | Pineville    | Matherne, Earl      | Hahnville         |
| Beer, Rachel     | New Orleans  | Mattingly, Pam      | Calcasieu Parish  |
| Benoit, Jason    | Houma        | McIlwain, Pam       | Baton Rouge       |
| DeBaene, Ted     | Baton Rouge  | Richardson, Lynette | EBR Parish        |
| Demouchet, James | Caddo Parish | Robichaux, Carl     | Ascension Parish  |
| Dyson, Bruce     | Pineville    | Rodriguez, Alyson   | Tangipahoa Parish |

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as the**

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**THE STAFF of LOUISIANA FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT**



**Wishes you . . .**

**HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS!**

Cindy  
Sandra  
Pam  
Lorie



**FACTS ABOUT INLAND FLOODING FROM HURRICANES**

- Over the past 30 years, 78% of children killed by tropical cyclones drowned in freshwater floods.
- One cubic yard of water weighs 1700lbs. The average automobile weighs 3400lbs. Many automobiles will float in just 2 feet of water.
- The average person can be swept off their feet in 6 inches of moving water.
- The average automobile can be swept off the road in 12 inches of moving water.
- Rainfall is typically heavier with slower moving storms.
- Rainfall Rule of Thumb: to estimate the total amount of rainfall that can be expected from a tropical system, divide 100 by the forward speed of the storm in miles per hour. Example (100/Forward Speed = estimated inches of rain). Your local NWS forecast office will have a more accurate estimation method to predict rainfall.

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